

**SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR USE OF
BARCODES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

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ABSTRACT

A system, method and computer program product are disclosed for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes. In general, a distributor is sent an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network. The goods are then tracked utilizing a bar code. The results of the tracking are stored in a database so that the supply chain participant can be allowed to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

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